

Remarks

In the 8/12/2003 office action, Applicant's 5/20/2003 response to an earlier office action (2/20/2003) was deemed informal/non-responsive for the reasons stated under 1e (Paper Number 8). In particular, claims 3, 8, 10, 11, and 16 had chemical formulas in which lines (representing bonds in the structures shown) were misaligned.

Applicant has amended the claims to correct for these typos, which occurred when copying the claims from the original specification to 5/20/2003 document.

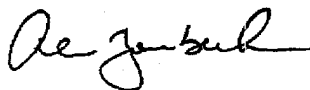
Applicant believes the claims as amended and presented herein are in compliance. Applicant requests reconsideration of the 2/20/2003 office action in view of Applicant's 5/20/2003 response and the present response.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested. Allowance of claims at an early date is solicited.

The present response is being submitted within the one month shorten statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action. Applicant hereby authorizes the USPTO to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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